

High Latitude Climate Feedbacks Session

High Latitude

Glaciers/Icebergs

Hoffman, Condron

Ocean

Hu, Cessi

Sea Ice

Turner, Hunke

Biogeochemistry

Zhuang, Elliott

Regional Arctic System Modeling

Roberts, Maslowski, Cassano

Atmosphere

Sejas

Exciting New Results

High Latitude

Lots of new, detailed parameterizations

(exciting + terrifying)

examples:

- basal lubrication of ice sheets
- icebergs
- prognostic salinity
- biogeochemistry in sea ice

short:

increased process resolution

develop, evaluate new processes parameterizations

long:

answer big science questions (SLR)

more detailed parameterizations

great computing power

more generally:

high latitude focus needs to be expanded to global view

e.g.

effects of Bering Str on AMOC

bergs on AMOC

AMOC connection between NH, SH

Gaps 1

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DATA

lack of data, poor quality of data, poor interpretation of data
need complete observations of full coupled systems
are monitoring systems adequate? e.g.

- salinity effects on AMOC

- sea ice salinity

- methane emissions from lakes

snow

- e.g. sea ice thickness:

- satellite obs need snow, but modeling snow needs data

- e.g. surface temperature:

- reanalysis used to evaluate models, but reanalyses are model output

Gaps 2

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MODELING STRATEGIES

snow

icebergs in climate models

coupling strategies (e.g. inertial oscillations)

matter for feedbacks

Gaps 3

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CAPTURING FEEDBACKS in data and in models

How do we isolate individual feedback processes, or measure contributions to them from various physical changes, in complex adaptive systems?

especially in the real world

e.g.

clouds

biogeochemistry

ice/snow volume

icebergs

Leveraging Connections

High Latitude

labs/universities
modelers/observers
modeling hierarchy (e.g. RASM/CESM)